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What's All The Rage About?

In today's society there are many things which are considered to be "cool" or popular. Clothes that everyone wants or toys that children "must have," these are all fads. When taking a look at the fads of today compared to those of other generations, anyone could see that they are very different.

First of all, ~~the~~ when thinking about the past forty years or so, one would see that every decade has had its fads. For example, the Sixties were all about flower power and long hair, workout type clothes were "in" during the eighties, and in the ninties surfer-wear grew to be all the rage. Today Dikies and Skater shoes are popular.

Another difference in fads between years past and today is in the music people listen to and the television shows they watch. For a while, rock music was "in," and now pop and hip-hop are cool. Another example is that "Care Bears" and "Teenage Ninja Turtles" used to be watched by millions of kids across America. Now kids watch "Bob the Builder" and "Dora the Explorer." And as for adults and families, the fads moved from "Three's Company" to "Fear Factor."

Next, someone could look at the difference in children's toys between generations. G.I. Joes,

Cabbage Patch dolls, and Skip-It's have been pulled from many store shelves by the dozens. Children now want toys such as Barbies, pretend Kitchen Sets, and skateboards.

As one ~~leaves~~ reflects on the fads and "popular" things that America has gone through, they can see how quickly fads come and go, like day to night. They can also see how differently past generations have been compared to today. They might wonder what will come next!

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